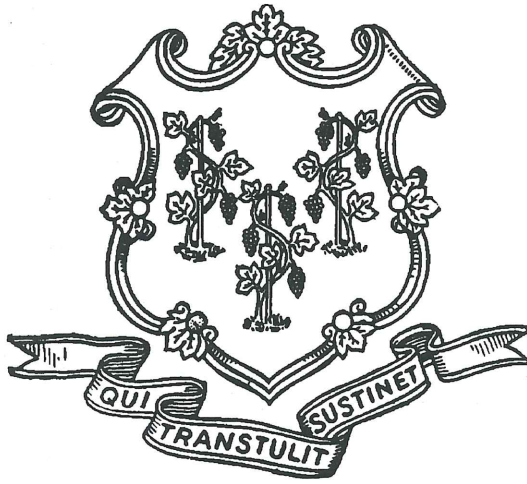


State of



Connecticut

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: a
PROCLAMATION

"I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: *We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.*"

It was on Monday, January 20, 1986, that Connecticut observed and celebrated the first federal holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s message of nonviolence.

Dr. King was a man with an unwavering devotion to the concepts of nonviolence, liberty, justice, and equality. He challenged valiantly the social injustices of racial segregation and discrimination.

Dr. King set forth a vision that "was simply seeking to bring into full realization the American dream. A dream of equality of opportunity, of privilege and property widely distributed; a dream of a land where men no longer argue that the color of a man's skin can determine the content of his character; the dream of a land where every man will respect the dignity and worth of human personality."

More than 40 years after his death, Dr. King's vision continues to provide a powerful symbol of a life based on what he called a "new revolution of values based on love, compassion, and justice."

Dr. King often said, "There are those who write history. There are those who make history. There are those who experience history."

Today, Connecticut will both be making and experiencing history by our celebration of Dr. King's life and the legacy of his timeless message.

In honor of the commitments for which he gave his life, let this holiday be more than just an anniversary; let it be a celebration of freedom and equality for all. In accordance with the laws of Connecticut, I hereby proclaim January 21, 2013, as

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY

Let his words ring again and again — for everyone on earth.

Given under my hand and seal of the State at the Capitol, in Hartford, this twenty-first day of January, two thousand and thirteen and of the independence of the United States the two hundred thirty-seventh.




by His Excellency's Command


Secretary of the State